

ABSTRACT

A composition for thickening hydrophobic liquids, and for dispersing and suspending particulate materials in a hydrophobic liquid, is disclosed. The composition contains a layered silicate material having its surface modified by an adsorbed amphipathic copolymer. The composition typically is dispersed in a hydrophobic liquid or in glycol-water mixture for easy addition to, and dilution in, hydrophobic liquid-based formulations.